(d) The above steps have resulted in unearthing of tax evasion and detection of black money. Searches carried out by the Income tax Department during the financial year 2005-06 led to seizure of assets valued at Rs. 351.69 crore while surveys carried out during the year led to detection of unaccounted income of Rs. 2324.57 crore.

Smuggling of fake notes

†774. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that business of smuggling fake notes is going on a large scale;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Rs. 59 lakh notes of fake Indian currency have been recovered at Kathmandu airport in Napal recently;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to curb the transaction of fake notes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANI MANICK) : (a) Available intelligence indicates that the Indo-Pakistan, Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders are sensitive from the point of view of smuggling of fake notes into India.

(b) The Government has not received any report of such seizure. However a seizure of Rs. 59 lakhs of Fake Indian Currency notes at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu was reported in the media in Kathmandu.

(c) & (d) Field formations are kept on high vigil and continuous efforts are being made to collect workable intelligence on smuggling of Fake Indian Currency.

Announcement of DA instalment

775. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last DA instalment announced by Government for the Central Government employees as well as pensioners;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that some banks particularly State Bank of India, Parliament House Annexe Branch has so far not credited pensioners' accounts with arrears; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Additional instalment of DA to Central Government employees w.e.f. 1st January, 2006 was granted *vide* Ministry of Finance's OM dated 29th March, 2006. The Dearness Relief to pensioners' w.e.f. from 1.1.2006 was granted by Department of pension & PW *vide* OM dated 5th April, 2006.

(b) and (c) As per Special Seal Authority (SSA) issued by the Government, the banks are authorized to arrange payment of Dearness Relief to the pensioners as and when announced by the Government. State Bank of India, Parliament House Annexe Branch, has already paid/ credited the arrears of Dearness Relief to pensioners alongwith pension for the month of May, 2006.

Agricultural loans to farmers

776. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 29 per cent farmers of the country are still dependent on private sector for loans because agricultural loans from public sector are not easily available;

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made certain arragements under any time-bound scheme to end the dependency of farmers on the private sector;

(d) if so, the details of the schemes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The All India Debt and Investment Survey (NSS 59 round) has revealed that the share of money lenders in total dues of rural house holds in the year 2002 was